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GREG RICE ALL AMERICAN

The clatter of the typewriter keys and the endless staccato of the telegraph filled the large press box with a nerve-racking clamor. Jim Sites looked down upon the great arena of Madison Square Garden that spread out beneath him. Jimmy allowed his own typewriter to get a well-needed rest. "Do you think Greg will come through?" Jim shouted to his pal.

The three-mile event was almost nearing completion. The most coveted award in the American athletic field was awaiting as some proverbial "pot of gold" at the end of this three-mile-long rainbow. In what seemed barely seconds to the excited spectators, the race was over. It took but minutes before the entire nation was aware that a world's record had been shattered and that Greg Rice, the ex-Notre Dame track star, acclaimed the greatest distance runner of all time, had won for himself a well-deserved niche in the athletes' "Hall of Fame". Within several hours Rice was the proud possessor of the James E. Sullivan Award and the subject of hundreds of glowing comments by many prominent sports writers and columnists.

Yes, such is the success story of Greg Rice. In him we find the synthesis of what a real Catholic college athlete should be. By those of his schoolmates who knew Greg as the Notre Dame graduate of '39, he is spoken of as a star in the spiritual as well as the athletic field. One commentator says: "Those still at school who know Greg, remember him not alone for his sportman-ship qualities and athletic abilities. He was even better known for his masculine piety and great devotion to Christ in the Mass and in the Eucharist, being a daily communicant through his four years. He not only participated in all adoration periods, but volunteered each time to canvass for names." This is the record that a great athlete leaves behind him at Notre Dame, setting forth into the world, a fine example of Catholic manhood. This is the "intestinal fortitude" spoken of by the immortal Knute Rockne. Our hats go off to you, Greg! Keep up the good work! What say, gang, let's follow in Greg's footsteps!

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

The Farley Stamp Club has placed deposit boxes for discarded stamps in the various halls. These stamps are sold and the proceeds go the missions. In removing the stamps from the envelopes be sure to leave plenty margin. This calls for little effort on your part, yet in this very simple way you will be aiding the cause of spreading the Kingdom of Christ. Remember to save your stamps and place them in the marked deposit boxes.

THE RACE IS STILL ON :

We are entering upon the third week of Lent. How about that certain percentage getting into line? We noticed quite a few, among them, the old-timers, who should know better, who have not entered the "lists" against old satan and company. Strike up the band, you, backsliders, and join the early march to Mass and to the Communion railing. You still have three good weeks to make up for lost time, precious time at that. To the old guard who have been in the lenten race from the early start -- hats off, and more power to you. Christ will do the rest, and we know that you will not be disappointed.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR :

For the repose of the soul of the grandmother of Don Brinketter.

HOW MANY OF YOU CARRY A ROSARY WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES : THE TIME HONORED CATHOLIC CUSTOM *** Inquire at the Mission Store for their new line of beautiful, hand-made rosaries --- Orders filled on request at surprisingly low prices.

NEWS DIGEST

ROME, March 4. Funeral services for former King Alfonso XIII of Spain were held here yesterday. Requiem Masses were celebrated from one o'clock until seven o'clock at the Grand Hotel where Alfonso died.

Madrid, March 4. Officials of the Spanish Government, headed by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, attended services for former King Alfonso in the Church of San Francisco el Grande here yesterday.

NEW YORK, N.Y. More than forty Archbishops and bishops have given their hearty approval to the observance of May 18 as Biblical Sunday it has been announced at the National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society here.

Philadelphia, Pa. Representing five years of labor on the part of two-score of Biblical scholars, the English revision of the New Testament which is soon to appear under the sponsorship of the Episcopal Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has enjoyed "organized effort" such as has been devoted to no other English Catholic version of the Scriptures. This is the declaration of Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Newton in the last of three articles appearing in The Ecclesiastical Review this month

San Francisco, Calif. Students of Catholic high schools won first, second, and third places in the San Francisco preliminaries of the fourth annual State-wide Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Native Sons of the Golden West.

FARGO, N.D. Constance, Nicholas, Joseph and Andrew, quadruplets born here, were baptised by Bishop Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo.